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Project Name:

21st Century Health Care Education and Training

Recipient:

Wake Technical Community College

Recipient Address:

2910 Holston Lane

Recipient City:

Raleigh

Recipient State:

North Carolina

Recipient Zip:

27610

Amount of Request: \$800,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

State of the art patient simulator mannequins will provide nursing and allied health students high quality training opportunity. Retention services will increase the graduation rate of nursing and allied health workers in regional high demand jobs.

Community colleges train over 60% of Registered Nurses. Yet the vast majority of these colleges lack the resources to train health care workers on state of the art equipment. Health care training is one of the most expensive programs Wake Tech offers making it difficult to stay up to date with training equipment based on state funding formulas. In addition, many potential healthcare workers lack the pre-requisite coursework to make a career change to the health sector and an equal number decide to leave the profession before completing their academic program due to the highly rigorous nature of these programs.

Patient simulators are needed to increase training depth of experience. State of the art patient simulator mannequins will provide nursing and allied health students the highest quality training opportunity producing a greater skilled workforce. When combined with supportive services through the HELP program, greater retention of healthcare students at Wake Tech will serve the entire community of over 1 million people and the extended region of over 1.5 million by increasing the supply of highly skilled nursing and allied health workers to meet the current and future demand for health care workers.

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